productivity of the people below poverty line will be continued during the rest of the Seventh Plan period.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Economic outlook and the Seventh Plan

257. SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

SHRI ASHIS SEN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have come across the discussion on 'Economic outlook and the Seventh Plan' organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi; and if so, deliberations of the same; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A number of participants expressed their views on the subject at the meeting. This is one of the many such discussions held on this and similar topics. Due note has been taken of the views expressed.

Talks with Afghan President regarding formation of Government

258. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the precise areas covered during the talks held with the President of Afghanistan's recent visit to the country for the establishment of a broad-based Government in Afghanistan following withdrawal of Soviet troops and what is the agreement arrived at in so far as India's role is concerned in the matter; and

(b) what follow up action has been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) During President Najibullah's visit to India, we were informed, amongst other things, of the Afghan Government's policy of national reconciliation. Government supports this policy and are of the view that the Afghans should be allowed to determine their own future free from external interference.

Amnesty International Report on I.P.K.F.

259. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Amnesty International in its report on human rights violations in Sri Lanka has charged the IPKF of rape and brutality;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the basis on which the report has been given by the Amnesty International giving the instances, if any, quoted in the report; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) In its report released in July, 1988 Amnesty International has indicated that it has received some allegations against the IPKF.

(b) The report states that many of the allegations were made by the LTTE and most could not be substantiated. The report, however, lists some cases which it claims were from independent sources.

(c) Government rejects any general allegations of rape and brutality made against the IPKF. These allegations are generally fabricated and motivated. Every specific complaint received from any source about the behaviour of IPKF tro-